

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-54-C - ORDER NO. 2006-436

JULY 26, 2006

IN RE: Petition of Arbitration of Momentum Telecom) ORDER HOLDING
Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) MATTER IN ABEYANCE
Pursuant to The Telecommunications Act of) FOR ADDITIONAL
1996) PERIOD

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint request of Momentum Telecom, Inc. (Momentum) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) (together, the companies) that the proceedings in this Docket, including any procedural schedules which have been issued, be held in abeyance for 90 additional days while the parties continue to negotiate and await the outcome of the “change-of-law” proceedings in the BellSouth region. In light of this joint request, the companies also agree to extend by 180 days the statutory deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding. The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) consents to this request.

We would note that we previously held the proceedings in this Docket in abeyance for 90 days and extended the deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding for 90 days. See Order No. 2006-236. However, we believe that the reasoning applied in that Order still applies. Clearly, a continuation of negotiations is still worthwhile. Further, the outcome of the “change-of-law” proceedings still has the potential to affect the positions of both the companies and ORS.

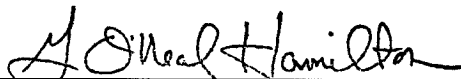
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Accordingly, these proceedings, including any procedural schedules which have been issued, shall be held in abeyance for 90 additional days and the statutory deadline for resolving this arbitration proceeding is hereby extended for an additional 180 days.

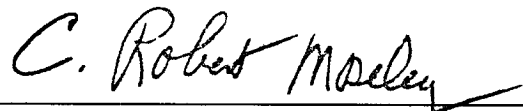
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice-Chairman

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